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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and reference formalized replacement sheets provided at the Appendix.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including formalized drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.

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